

605—10.9 (34A) E911 emergency communications fund.

10.9(1) Wireless E911 surcharge money, collected and remitted by wireless service providers, shall be placed in a fund within the state treasury under the control of the administrator.

10.9(2) Iowa Code section 8.33 shall not apply to moneys in the fund. Moneys earned as income, including as interest, from the fund shall remain in the fund until expended as provided in this subrule. However, moneys in the fund may be combined with other moneys in the state treasury for purposes of investment.

10.9(3) Moneys in the fund shall be expended and distributed in the order and manner as follows:

a. An amount as appropriated by the general assembly to the homeland security and emergency management division for implementation, support, and maintenance of the functions of the E911 program and to employ the auditor of the state to perform an annual audit of the wireless E911 emergency communications fund.

b. The program manager shall reimburse local communications service providers on a calendar quarter basis for their expenses for transport costs between the wireless E911 selective router and the public safety answering points related to the delivery of wireless E911 service.

c. The program manager shall reimburse local communications service providers and third-party E911 automatic location information (ALI) database providers on a calendar quarter basis for the costs of maintaining and upgrading the E911 components and functionalities between the input and output points of the wireless E911 selective router. This includes the wireless E911 selective router and the automatic location information (ALI) database.

d. A minimum of \$1,000 per calendar quarter shall be allocated for each public safety answering point with the E911 service area of the department of public safety or joint E911 service board that has submitted a written request to the program manager. The written request shall be made with the Request for Wireless E911 Fund form contained in the State of Iowa Wireless E911 Implementation and Operation Plan. The request is due to the program manager on May 15, or the next business day, of each year.

The amount allocated under 10.9(3) “*d*” shall be 46 percent of the total amount of surcharge generated per calendar quarter. The minimum amount allocated to the department of public safety and the joint E911 service boards shall be \$1,000 per PSAP operated by the respective authority. Additional funds shall be allocated as follows:

(1) Sixty-five percent of the total dollars available for allocation shall be allocated in proportion to the square miles of the E911 service area to the total square miles in the state.

(2) Thirty-five percent of the total dollars available for allocation shall be allocated in proportion to the wireless E911 calls answered at the public safety answering point in the E911 service area to the total of wireless E911 calls originating in the state.

(3) Funds allocated under 10.9(3) “*d*” shall be deposited in the E911 service fund and shall be used for communications equipment utilized by the public safety answering points for the implementation and maintenance of E911 services.

e. If moneys remain after all obligations under 10.9(3) “*a*” to “*d*,” as listed above, have been fully paid, the remainder may be accumulated as a carryover operating surplus. These moneys shall be used to fund future network improvements and public safety answering point improvements. These moneys may also be used for wireless service providers’ transport costs related to wireless E911 phase 2 services, if those costs are not otherwise recovered by the wireless service provider’s customer billing or other sources and are approved by the program manager. Any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund of the state but shall remain available for the purposes of the fund.

10.9(4) Payments to local communications service providers shall be made quarterly, based on original, itemized claims or invoices presented within 20 days of the end of the calendar quarter. Payments to providers shall be made in accordance with these rules and the State of Iowa Accounting Policies and Procedures.

10.9(5) Local communications service providers shall be reimbursed for only those items and services that are defined as eligible in the enhanced wireless 911 service plan and when initiation of service has been ordered and authorized by the E911 program manager.

10.9(6) If it is found that an overpayment has been made to an entity, the E911 program manager shall attempt recovery of the debt from the entity by certified letter. Due diligence shall be documented and retained at the state homeland security and emergency management division. If resolution of the debt does not occur and the debt is at least \$50, the state homeland security and emergency management division will then utilize the income offset program through the department of revenue. Until resolution of the debt has occurred, the state homeland security and emergency management division may withhold future payments to the entity.

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